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# NEWS

A MONTHLY ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER TO THE 41<sup>st</sup> ASSEMBLY DISTRICT  
(Including Agoura Hills, Calabasas, Encino, Malibu, Hidden Hills, Lake Sherwood, Oak Park, Pacific Palisades, Port Hueneme, South Oxnard, Santa Monica, Tarzana, Topanga, Westlake Village, and Woodland Hills.)

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## Community Turns Out **BIG** to Thank Firefighters!



On Sunday, October 30, I hosted a free BBQ at Deerhill Park in Oak Park to give the community an opportunity to come out and have lunch with the firefighters who did such a magnificent job saving homes and lives in the September wildfires. To get an approximation for food, I requested RSVPs in the publicity. Something over 300 people responded. We had hamburgers and hot dogs for 800, and were out of food within the first 45 minutes, which sent my district office staff, husband, and volunteers scrambling to the local markets to replenish. Estimates were that close to 1,000 people were in attendance to express their gratitude in person to the firefighters – who insisted on doing the cooking.

Ventura County Supervisor Linda Parks led a loud group “1-2-3 THANK YOU!!!” and round of applause for the ever modest firefighters, joined by L.A. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, and Agoura Hills Mayor Ed Corridori and



Councilmembers Jeff Reinhardt and John Edelston. Kids were excited by the dramatic and surprise landing of a fire department helicopter and close up look



Canyon Association presented a very generous check in the amount of \$50,000 to the firefighter’s relief fund for widows and orphans. All in all, it was a wonderful afternoon for everyone involved.

## Fires are Wakeup Call re Emergency Preparedness

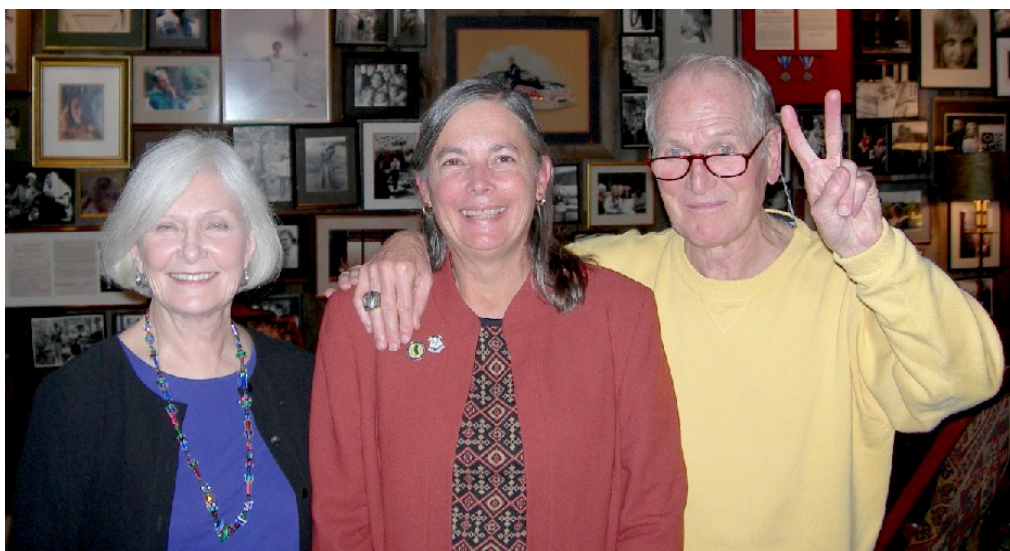
Thanks to Professor Jim Dawson and Pierce College for welcoming us to their campus again, where I held an Emergency Preparedness Forum. The goal was to share information with the community on what we should all know and do in order to be ready for the next disaster, whatever it may be.

Presenters included Keith Harrison from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Michelle Riebeling from the City of L.A. Emergency Preparedness Department, Officer Leland Tang with the CHP, and Nick Samaniego from the American Red Cross of Greater Los Angeles. Brochures on steps your family should take to be prepared to be on your own for as long as 72 hours are available upon request from my District Office.

## Climate Change Update

Regulations to implement my greenhouse gas reduction bill, AB 1493, go into full effect on January 1, 2006. Unfortunately, litigation to stop implementation filed by both American and foreign automakers (even Toyota and Honda) is going forward.

I was recently in Connecticut speaking to members of the Connecticut Fund for the Environment, the Clean Car Alliance, and several Connecticut legislators in the State Capitol building in Hartford. One of



the personal highlights of the trip was having the opportunity to have dinner and a very interesting discussion of climate change at the home of Joanne Woodward and Paul Newman.

I also spoke at UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy to graduate students and faculty. There is growing interest by large businesses and utilities

for providing market incentives for capping emissions from both stationary and mobile sources, as evidenced by two panels on which I participated. The debate about climate change seems to be over—everywhere but in Washington, D.C.

Capitol Office staff member Adrienne Alvord is hard at work coordinating meetings with both proponents and opponents on AB 32. This is my proposed legislation that will focus on stationary sources of emissions that lead to global warming. Stay tuned.

Related, congratulations to Palisades resident and Executive Producer Laurie David for her entertaining and thought-provoking comedy special – “Earth to America” – that was featured on TBS cable TV on Sunday night. She assembled an amazing cast of top celebrities who put together a great show that made the case for the importance of a Federal policy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through comedy, music and thoughtful commentary. Laurie David has organized a Virtual March on Washington to push this critical issue. To find out more, go to [www.StopGlobalWarming.org](http://www.StopGlobalWarming.org).



## District Workshops

- CONSUMER SCAM WORKSHOP IN AGOURA HILLS

Led by the Contractors State License Board on November 5, this was an important and informative set of presentations by various state agencies and the AARP on home improvement scams, identity theft, investment and insurance fraud, and scams that target seniors. For a copy of my booklet on Identify Theft and how to protect yourself, or things to do if you've been a victim, please contact my District Office.

- CHILDREN'S HEALTH FAIR IN OXNARD

I co-hosted this workshop with Assemblymember Pedro Nava at the beautiful Oxnard Boys and Girls Club on October 29. Information was provided on the SHAPE program (Starting Healthy Activity and Physical Education), as well as on nutrition and a wellness lifestyle. The current generation of children is experiencing higher obesity rates and lower levels of physical fitness, and may be the first generation in the last 200 years that will have a shorter lifespan than their parents. Diabetes, heart disease, and other diseases that could be reduced by healthier lifestyles are also increasing the costs of health care for all of us. Local governments, parents, schools, and every one will need to work together to reverse this health-related crisis.

Special thanks to Timothy Lippman from my District Office and Jilena Eifer from Assemblymember Nava's office for all the hard work in coordinating this event.



## Ormond Beach Restoration Area Expands



**l-r. Assemblymember Pavley, Ventura County Supervisors Kathy Long and Steve Bennett and Ormond Beach Visionary Jean Harris.**

On October 12, the greater Oxnard community joined in a celebration of the conservation of an additional 277 acres of vital wildlife habitat, purchased by The Nature Conservancy from the City of Oxnard and the Metropolitan Water District. With the roughly 300 acres that were acquired by the Coastal Conservancy in 2002, this begins to approach the goal of 750 acres which is needed for natural tideland function.

A wonderful program included honoring Jean Harris, who, along with her good friend, the late Roma Armbrust, would not let go of this dream of a fully restored wetland. Jean is famous for the "mandatory" walking tours along Ormond Beach for every elected official or other potential

supporter. Her persistence, vision, and many years of advocacy are paying off.

## Oxnard LNG Proposal Still Under Review

Earlier this month, Oxnard Councilmember John Zaragosa hosted another community meeting to update area residents on the status of the Cabrillo Port application and other related issues. My District Director, Louise Rishoff, attended the meeting, on this project which I am watching very closely, particularly on the siting of this untested new technology so close to a major population area. It was reported that a new environmental study will be done on some of the still unanswered questions. It is expected to be circulated early next year, which will provide a new opportunity for further public comment on this issue of considerable concern in the Oxnard area.

## Select Committee on the Impact of Air Pollution on Childcare and Children's Health

I was pleased to bring together academic researchers, governmental officials, childcare advocates, and leaders from environmental organizations at an Assembly Select Committee hearing in Sacramento on November 9 on the issue of "Air Pollution's Impact on Children's Health in Childcare."

Air pollution seriously affects the 51% of California's children who are under the age of 5 and spend anywhere from 8 to 12 hours in childcare. Currently there are no state air quality standards for childcare centers, even though many are located near major highways and roadways or toxic industrial sites that expose children to many pollutants. Children, especially infants and toddlers, are uniquely sensitive to air pollution and are at greater risk of developing asthma and other respiratory illnesses.

My bill, AB 1697, last year, "Clean Air for Childcare," would require that all future childcare centers that serve 20 or more children be located at least 650 feet from the nearest freeway or industrial site. Studies have shown that the air within 650 feet of a freeway or industrial site is significantly dirtier than air further away. I decided to hold the Select Committee hearing in the hope of building a consensus among the various stakeholders. I believe that the discussion was beneficial, and I look forward to working with all parties in siting child care centers away from these sources of air pollution in our shared goal of making the air cleaner for all children in California. Providing enough affordable childcare facilities in heavily urbanized areas, while also maximizing the protection of children's health, is going to be a challenge. It also raises serious environmental justice issues given the limited options that lower-income parents have in finding environmentally safe places for their children.

For more information on this bill and issue, contact Tamara Odisho in my Capitol Office at (916) 319-2041.

## Congressman Waxman Thanked as Kanan Interchange Redesign Work Begins

Thanks to the efforts of Congressman Henry Waxman, Agoura Hills received notice that \$4 million in Federal transportation dollars have been appropriated to the city toward the long-awaited improvements of the Kanan/101 freeway interchange. Congressman Waxman was publicly thanked by the city for this substantial contribution toward the total estimated \$25 million cost of the improvements. Half of the project's cost is being funded by Federal dollars and an MTA grant, with the rest from developer fees, gas tax money, and general funds. On completion, it is expected that these improvements will help alleviate chronic traffic congestion at the interchange, increase pedestrian and bicycle safety, and improve access to the 101.



Agoura Hills has established a hotline for information about the project during construction, which is estimated to take one year to complete. The phone number is (818) 597-7356, or you can visit the City's website at [www.kananroad.org](http://www.kananroad.org).



## Two November Sustainable41 Awards

### AMBROSE HOTEL, SANTA MONICA

The Ambrose Hotel, owned by Dierdre Wallace, is a *Green Hotel Association member* and are the second business to receive the City of Santa Monica's new *Santa Monica Green Business Certification*. It's a model of sustainable practices that can easily be incorporated into day-to-day operations. Some of the hotel's "green" practices include:



- A California Recycles cell phone battery drop-off location
- Replacing chemical cleaning supplies with 100% natural, non-toxic, and biodegradable cleaning supplies
- An urban compost tumbling program for food scraps
- Guest room recycling
- Encouraging guests to reuse bath towels and allow their bed linens to be air fluffed
- Use of water brooms
- Native plants in their landscaping

The Ambrose is located at 1255 20<sup>th</sup> Street at Arizona in Santa Monica.

### VENTURA PRINTING, OXNARD

Ventura Printing is being recognized because of their investment in waterless printing technology. By using a mechanical process instead of the conventional chemical one, they eliminate hazardous air emissions, send less waste to landfills, and reduce the number of trees that are cut down.

It was a pleasure for me and my Field Representative, Robin Squier, to meet General Manager David Wilson and the other members of the Ventura Printing team and to express my appreciation for what they're doing to help clean up our environment. This is an employee-owned company, whose new technology also produces a better product, with greater resolution and detail, enhanced contrast, and deeper color saturation. Ventura Printing is located at 200 N Elevar St in Oxnard.

Congratulations and thank you to both the Ambrose Hotel and Ventura Printing for thinking about the environment while they also gain a new opportunity to increase their businesses. I always look forward to learning what my other district businesses are doing to save resources and do business in healthier ways. Nominations of businesses that have adopted environmentally-friendly practices are invited, either by e-mail to [Assemblymember.Pavley@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:Assemblymember.Pavley@assembly.ca.gov), or by regular mail to the District Office at 6355 Topanga Canyon Blvd., Suite 205, Woodland Hills, CA 91367.

## Bits 'n' Pieces

### • Rose Elementary

I was invited to Rose Avenue Elementary in Oxnard this month by Martha Fluornoy, California Association for the Gifted, to visit the campus and their GATE program. Rose Avenue Elementary is a magnet campus for the GATE program in the Oxnard School District, offering excellent programs led by passionate teachers and administrators and parents.

Principal Berta Perez and Superintendent Rick Miller welcomed me, and I had the opportunity to meet with a few parents as well. I was impressed by the diversity on campus and the harmonious blend of the GATE program into this bustling school – all while this multi-track year-around campus undergoes much needed modernization. It's always great to be back on a school campus.

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- Visit to Rand Corporation

I enjoyed the chance to spend a couple of hours at this highly-respected “think tank” in Santa Monica and to discuss their recent studies and analyses of issues related to water supply and air emissions. Rand Corporation, as I learned, has greatly expanded their policy expertise from their days of doing defense work to now a wide variety of subjects ranging from education to child care and the environment. A wonderful resource located in the 41<sup>st</sup> AD.

- Hazardous and E-waste Roundup in Malibu, Saturday, Dec. 3

Many household products pose a hazard to the environment if disposed of improperly. Things like used motor oil, paint, car batteries, pesticides, etc. cannot be tossed into the trash or poured down a drain. Old electronic equipment contains hazardous metals that can pollute our water and air. To dispose of such items safely, the City of Malibu is accepting all hazardous and e-waste on December 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the city hall parking lot, 23519 W. Civic Center Way.

- Mountains Restoration Trust and City of Calabasas Get Water Award

Both the MRT and Calabasas were honored last month with the L.A. Regional Water Quality Control Board’s “2005 Water Quality Award” for collaborative excellence in storm water management at the MRT’s Headwaters Corner interpretive center. Headwaters Corner is doing a wonderful job of educating the public at its 12-acre demonstration and interpretive center, located strategically at the interface of the wilderness and urban environments. Teaching people to “live lightly” will be critical to preserving the natural resources that we all love having so close by. Congratulations to both the MRT and Calabasas.

## Orange Line Moves Commuters Across Valley

The new Metro Orange Line will move commuters via a 14-mile dedicated busway from Warner Center to the North Hollywood subway station. By transferring to the Red Line subway, users have a fast and convenient option all the way to downtown Los Angeles.

These are also brand new state-of-the art buses, with wide aisles, priority seats for seniors and the disabled, provision for



bicycles, and great comfort. Drivers in the vicinity will need to get accustomed to staying off the dedicated busway which parallels Victory Blvd. along the old railway, and to observing new signalization and no-turn signs. However, the Orange Line is a great step forward in the goal of finding convenient ways to get people out of their cars and to convert them to transit users.

## Operation Gobble

My office was pleased to assist the California American Water Company in distributing almost 100 Thanksgiving turkeys in the Oxnard area through their “Operation Gobble” program. On November 22, California American Water Company provided turkeys to over 80 Oxnard families through the Harrington and Marina West Family Centers. The Oxnard Salvation Army Corps received 17 turkeys for their Thanksgiving meal program.

This is a wonderful program, and it’s been a pleasure to participate year after year. My thanks to the California American Water Company for their generosity, as well as to the countless other organizations that are helping to make Thanksgiving special for so many in our community.

## And Try ParkLINK Free over Thanksgiving

The ParkLINK shuttle is one of the least-known but more convenient ways to enjoy the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. This shuttle bus takes park visitors on a continuous loop around the park, stopping at strategic points for hiking, bird watching, rock climbing, and even shopping at the beach. Many park visitors are staying on the shuttle and enjoying the complete loop, which takes about two hours start to finish. To get people familiar with this great resource, the National Park Service will be offering the ParkLINK shuttle free of charge over Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 25-27. Information on how to plan your day can be found on their website at [www.parklinkshuttle.com](http://www.parklinkshuttle.com), or by calling 1-888-734-2323.

# Wishing Everyone a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

## Assemblymember Pavley's Committee Assignments

Budget Committee  
Education Committee  
Transportation Committee  
Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee  
Chair, Budget Subcommittee #3 on Resources  
Chair, Select Committee on Air and Water Quality  
Select Committee on Runaway Production  
Select Committee on Ports

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Legislative Advisory Committee – California Coastal Conservancy  
Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Board

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